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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL (A) AND IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA, CHARGE CALLED MAY 18 ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SZARKA TO MAKE DEMARCHE RE UPCOMING 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. SZARKA, FORMER HUNGARIAN COM IN WASHINGTON AND CURRENTLY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAS SERVED AT THE UN AND IS ONE OF TWO HUNGARIAN EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS.

2. NOTING THAT 63RD ILC WILL MEET IN GENEVA JUNE 1-22 CHARGE SAID HE THOUGHT GOH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN NAMES OF MEMBERS

OF US DELEGATION AND HANDED OVER TO SZARKA NAMES CONTAINED IN PARA 6 REFTEL B. SZARKA EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION AND SUMMONED HIS SECRETARY WHO RETURNED WITH NAMES OF MEMBERS OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATION: GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY LABOR MINISTER SZIGETI; GOVERNMENT DELEGATE HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND DOMBOKOS; EMPLOYER DELEGATE DR. ISTVAN MARTOS; EMPLOYEE DELEGATE TIMAR (FNU).

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3. CHARGE RECALLED SUBSTANCE OF AND REASONS FOR US LETTER OF INTENT OF NOVEMBER 6, 1975 TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO AND UNDERScoreD CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING ILC TO US DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE IN ILO. HE SAID US HAD NOTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TO BRING ILO BACK TO ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES AND RESPECT FOR PROCEDURES BUT THERE WAS STILL MORE PROGRESS REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY WITH

REGARD TO EFFORTS OF SOME COUNTRIES TO ADD GEOGRAPHICAL CRITERIA TO METHOD USED FOR CHOOSING GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY AND IN INJECTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES UNRELATED TO BUSINESS OF ILO AND WHICH ARE PROPERLY FUNCTION OF SC AND UNGA. THESE LATTER EFFORTS HAVE BAD EFFECT IN US IN THAT THEY UNDERCUT SUPPORT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS WHILE HAVING NO EFFECT ON ISSUES THEMSELVES. CHARGE ADDED THAT FAILURE OF ILO CONFERENCE TO CITE SOME COUNTRIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLES 87 AND 29 DESPITE FINDINGS THAT VIOLATIONS EXIST INDICATE EXISTENCE ON AN INTOLERABLE DOUBLE STANDARD. US HOPED THAT ILO MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE OBJECTIVELY AT GENEVA IN REVIEW OF APPLICATION OF ILO STANDARDS THUS ENDING EXISTING DOUBLE STANDARD.

4. CHARGE CONCLUDED BY URGING GOH TO VOTE ACCORDING TO ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS AND TO PRESERVE ORIGINAL FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ILO.

5. SZARKA NOTED CAREFULLY POINTS MADE AND SAID HE WOULD FAITHFULLY REPORT THEM TO APPROPRIATE HIGHER AUTHORITY. HE SAID HUNGARY SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN ORGANIZATIONS AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE NATION LIKE US LEAVE ILO. HE SAID THAT AT TIMES IN ALL UN ORGANIZATIONS IT IS A DIFFICULT MATTER TO DETERMINE WHAT CONSTITUTES A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A TECHNICAL MATTER. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT US SIDE ALSO APPRECIATED THAT FACT. PERHAPS THERE HAD BEEN MISTAKES MADE IN PAST ON BOTH SIDES BUT IMPORTANCE OF STAYING TOGETHER AND WORKING TOGETHER IN ILO, DESPITE SOME DIFFERENCES, IN HIS VIEW AT LEAST COULD NOT BE UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTIMATED. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE HOPED TO ATTEND ILC FOR A FEW DAYS HIMSELF AND LOOKED FORWARD AS DID GOH DELEGATION TO EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH US REPRESENTATIVE. MUDD

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